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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Biden,

We write to express our unequivocal opposition to efforts to repeal the Hyde Amendment in current appropriations provisions, and to seek your support in bringing an end to the practice of what is known as "partial birth abortions".

Public health statistics show that the Hyde Amendment has saved the lives of over 2 million children in our country. Public polling has also consistently indicated that the American people support the Hyde Amendment and its positive impact. We urge you to use the voice of the Executive Office to advocate for the voiceless, and continue to include Hyde Amendment language in all current and future appropriations legislation.

Since 1976, Congress has included Hyde protections in each annual appropriations package. These protections have prevented the use of taxpayer dollars in abortion procedures. The inclusion of Hyde protections has consistently enjoyed bipartisan support in the House and the Senate, including your own long history of pro-life advocacy. Should you veto an appropriations bill for its inclusion of Hyde language, you would become the first President in American history to do so.

Additionally, we want to bring your attention to efforts to repeal the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. This important piece of legislation was enacted in 2003, and its constitutionality was upheld by the Supreme Court in 2007. Despite the Court's decisive ruling, many pro-abortion activists have alarmingly continued to advocate for partial-birth abortions. We must stand together against this horrific practice and continue to uphold the law.

As we move forward under your new administration, and work to address the issues that America faces, we want to encourage you to remember the importance of your pro-life actions throughout your time in Congress. Your votes in favor of the Hyde Amendment and your vote to pass the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act were vital decisions that remain important today, and which continue to have the support of the American people. We applaud your bipartisan, bicameral work in the past, and entreat you to continue that spirit when it comes to the issue protecting all life. We stand ready to work with you to achieve these important goals.

Sincerely,



Tom Reed
Member of Congress